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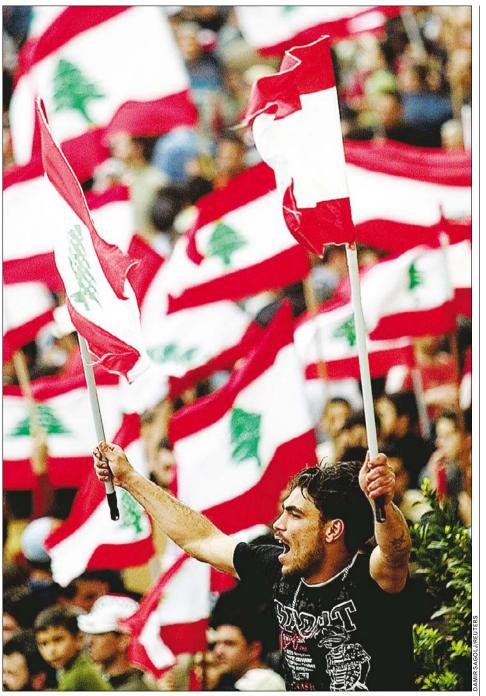
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Reporter Remembers." Also, rebel rap from M.I.A.; "Unique Whips" on Speed Channel; Hepburn on DVD. >> 13-16

Weather > Mostly Sunny



Wednesday Battlefield Lebanon



SYRIAN SUPPORT: Protesters wave Lebanese flags and shout anti-American slogans during a pro-Syrian rally in Beirut on Tuesday. The rally, called by the militant group Hezbollah, drew hundreds of thousands.

Bush touts gains in Mideast democracy; nearly 500,000 denounce U.S. in Beirut rally

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Tuesday that authoritarian rule in the Middle East has begun to ease, and he insisted anew that Syria must end its nearly three-decade occupation of Lebanon.

"Today, I have a message for the people of Lebanon: All the world is witnessing your great movement of conscience," Bush said during a speech on terrorism at National Defense University. "The American people are at your side.'

Nearly 500,000 pro-Syrian demonstrators in Lebanon, however, had a different message. The mass protest in Beirut by people chanting anti-American slogans and carrying plac-

ards that read, "America is the source of terrorism," far outnumbered the 70,000 who shouted "Syria out" on the streets on Monday.

The Bush administration brushed aside the anti-American sentiment, saying it was happy to see



Bush

people peacefully express their views. Bush, undaunted, listed nations — Russia, France, Germany and Saudi Arabia — that have called for Syria's withdrawal from Lebanon.

"Freedom will prevail in Lebanon," he said. Bush's wide-ranging speech was filled with what he called "welcome signs" of democratic reform in the Middle East, including elections in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Palestinian territories.

"The chances of democratic progress in the broader Middle East have seemed frozen in place for decades," he said. "Yet, at last, clearly and suddenly, the thaw has begun." DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

→ Heeding Hezbollah: Massive Beirut rally signals strength of pro-Sryian militant group | Page 5

BOTANY | Garden-Ignorant State The tomato may technically be a fruit, but New Jersey lawmakers say it's a vegetable. The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee approved a measure Monday that would make the Jersey tomato



the official state veggie. The sponsors cite an I887 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that slapped a vegetable tariff on the fruit. The court's reasoning: Because tomatoes are served with dinner, and not as a dessert, they must be vegetables. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2



BOD MOD

Governing With A Clear Vision

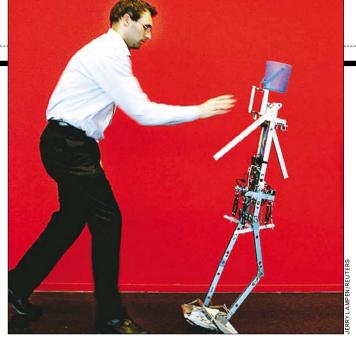
Some Illinois lawmakers want to make surethetwinklein your eye doesn't come from jewelry. Repulsed by a body modification in which tiny metal hearts and half-moons are surgically embedded in the whites of the eye, a House committee approved legislation Thursday that would make performing the procedure a felony. The procedure, performed under local aesthetic, involves making a tiny slice in the eye membrane and slipping in a small, flat piece of



metal. The result is a shiny shape in the white of the eye. It's performed at the Netherlands Institute for Innovative Ocular Surgery and by at least one doctor in California. "I don't think anybody should be messing with the eyeball," Rep. Kevin Joyce said Friday. (AP) COURTS

The Waiting Is The Hardest Part

An Italian court told a man given six months to live that he must come back in 14 months for a decision regarding insurance damages, Reuters reported. Carmelo Cisabella, 39, has a terminal spine disease, which he developed after being paralyzed in a motorcycle accident more than a decade ago. He's anxious to get some \$596,300 in damages—dating back to the crash—from insurers to help ease his last few months. Cisabella asked the courts to pressure the insurers to speed things up, only to be told he could expect the decision next year. (EXPRESS)



ROBOT FRIENDS

Stride Rite

That's one small step for non-man, one giant leap for non-mankind. Martijn Wisse, a researcher at the Delft University of Technology's Biorobotics Laboratory in the Netherlands, walked the robot Denise through the corridors of the university complex Tuesday, Reuters reported. The passive-dynamic-based (whatever that means) Denise — aka "The Knees" — is one of the first in a new generation of walking robots. (EXPRESS)

RECRUITS

The Few. The Proud. The Old.

Bobb Kotterman was amused when he received a letter from the National Guard inviting him to become a "force against terrorism," the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported. The Seattle man is 76; he's survived cancer, suffers from diabetes and has a bad eye. He was discharged from the Guard in 1949 after serving only 18 months as the guy who ran the movie projector. "I ran films about people getting gonorrhea and syphilis, that kind of stuff," he said. Though recruiting pressure is certainly heavy in the National Guard, Kotterman said he thinks someone sent in an inquiry with his name as a joke. (EXPRESS)

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WIND ENERGY: Fifth-grade students at a San Marcos, Calif., elementary school were astonished to learn the red helium balloon they launched to study weather patterns was found Feb. 19 by a farmer in Asheboro, N.C. — some 2,200 miles away.



Nation



Michael Jackson and his father, Joseph, leave a Santa Maria, Calif. courthouse.

Jackson Witness Under Fire

Defense team attacks credibility of accuser's kin in molestation trial

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | A 14-year-old boy who testified that Michael Jackson molested his brother acknowledged under cross-examination Tuesday that the pop star didn't show him a sex magazine that the prosecution had introduced into evidence. The witness also said he lied under oath in a separate civil

The teenager, who visited Jackson's Neverland ranch for the last time in March 2003, became confused after Jackson attorney Thomas Mesereau showed him a copy of Barely Legal magazine dated August 2003.

The boy had testified on Monday that the magazine was one of those that Jackson had showed to him and his brother.

Confronted with the conflicting dates, the boy said: "I never said it was exactly that one. That's not exactly the one he showed us."

He said he had looked at the magazine with District Attorney Tom Sneddon before it was presented as evidence.

Under further questioning by Mesereau, the boy also said he lied under oath in another legal case when he swore that his mother and father never fought and that his father never hit him. TIM MOLLOY (AP)

Clinton to Undergo More Surgery

Doctors will remove scar tissue, fluid from former president's chest

NEW YORK | Six months after undergoing heart bypass surgery, former President Clinton will return to the hospital this week to have a rare buildup of fluid and scar tissue removed from his chest.

"I feel fine," Clinton said Tuesday in Washington, adding that he plans to play golf in Florida a day before the operation.

Doctors at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, where Clinton is scheduled to have the procedure on Thursday, said the surgery is low-risk.

During the procedure, known as a decortication, doctors will remove scar tissue that is pressing down on his left lung. The surgery will be done either through a small incision or with a video-assisted thorascope inserted between his ribs.

The former president said doctors discovered the condition during a recent X-ray, and he called the surgery a "routine sort of deal."

In an interview with Associated Press Television News, Clinton said



Former President Clinton takes questions from the press in Washington.

he knew before he went with former President George H.W. Bush to tour tsunami-devastated areas last month that he would be having the surgery. Doctors told him he would not be able to fly after the surgery, so he scheduled it after he returned.

Clinton's problem is a rare complication of his surgery, where inflammation of the lining of the heart develops and fluid builds around it or in the lungs, said Dr. Craig Smith, who performed the bypass surgery on Clinton in September. He said it occurs in "a fraction of 1 percent" of cases. (AP)

MICHIGAN | DEADLY HIGHWAY



CRASH SITE: Officials inspect vehicles involved in a string of pileups triggered by snow squalls on Tuesday in Plainfield Township, Mich. One person was killed, more than 30 were injured and as many as 90 cars were involved, police said.

No More Parental Visits for Jailed Supremacist Hale

CHICAGO | A jailed white supremacist who has been a focus of the investigation into last month's slayings of a federal judge's husband and mother will no longer be allowed to visit or speak with his parents, the family said Tuesday.

An official from the Metropolitan Correctional Center, where Matt Hale is being held, called Hale's parents Monday and told them they would not be allowed their regular calls or visits, the parents said.

Matt Hale, 33, was convicted last year of soliciting an FBI informant to kill Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow after she ordered him to stop using the name World Church of the Creator for his group because of a trademark lawsuit. (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

AmeriCorps May Place Workers in Catholic Schools

A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that AmeriCorps may continue financing programs that place volunteers in Catholic schools, overturning a lower court ruling that said such funding unconstitutionally crosses the line between church and state. The American Jewish Congress had complained that instructors who teach secular subjects at religious schools under the AmeriCorps program may also teach religious subjects. (AP)

EDUCATION

Foreign Applications to U.S. Grad Schools Down Again

A new survey shows international interest in studying at American graduate schools declining for the second straight year, a sign of the continued impact of visa delays and competition from foreign universities. In a membership survey being released Wednesday, the Council of Graduate Schools estimates foreign applications to U.S. graduate programs for the upcoming school year are down 5 percent. That compares with a 28-percent decline in applications last year. Following that drop, about 6 percent fewer international students wound up entering U.S. graduate schools for the 2004-05 year, the CSG estimated. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Ferry Crash Probe Criticizes City Officials, Coast Guard

A safety board on Tuesday sharply criticized New York City and the Coast Guard in the 2003 Staten Island Ferry crash that killed 11, saying tougher screening of captains and safer procedures were needed. The National Transportation Safety Board blamed the city's oversight in part, but stopped short of saying the Coast Guard's current system directly caused the accident. (AP)

Nation

FESSING UP: Former President George H.W. Bush, reminded by a reporter Tuesday of a kind gesture during a 1989 trip to Warsaw, said the raincoat he had a U.S. Secret Service agent give to a drenched elderly woman in a town square belonged to the agent, not himself.





SIGNED UP: The Army may be entering a slump in attracting recruits, such as these taking an oath of enlistment in Richmond, Va.

Recruiting Rolls See a Slip

Numbers of young blacks, women joining Army on the decline

WASHINGTON | To the daily drumbeat of casualty reports from Iraq, young blacks and women are marching away from offers to join the Army.

These trends, combined with the negative effects of the Army's image as a last-resort career choice for what one study called the "average Joe," suggests the military's largest service may be entering a prolonged recruiting slump.

The share of blacks in the Army's recruiting classes has plummeted by about one-third over the past five years.

"More African-Americans identify having to fight for a cause they don't support as a barrier to military service," concluded an August 2004 study for the Army by GfK Custom Research, Inc.

Female recruits as a share of total Army enlistments have dropped 13 percent over the last five years and continue to drop this year, the Army Recruiting Command says.

The Army's recruiting challenge is important not only to the long-term commitment in Iraq but also to the Army's goal of expanding by 30,000 soldiers. Through the first five months of the budget year, the active Army is about 6 percent behind schedule to meet its 2005 recruiting goal.

Explaining the overall drop-off, Army officials cite an improving economy as well as concern about the war in Iraq. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

Kan. Media Faced Tough Choices in BTK Capture

Alleged serial killer's letters brought police work to the newsroom

WICHITA, KAN. | When the BTK serial killer emerged after more than two decades of silence, he did so with a letter to The Wichita Eagle, putting the newspaper in the delicate position of deciding how much to tell its readers.

The letter was certainly newsworthy: Not only did it mark the return of a killer who terrorized Wichita during the 1970s, but it also included a copy of a driver's license belonging to a woman whose death police had not previously linked to BTK.

Detectives asked the newspaper to withhold the victim's license — something The Eagle refused to do.

But the newspaper did agree to police requests to withhold some

other information in that letter. Such omissions have left some wondering whether police might have arrested Dennis Rader, the man charged with 10 murders, sooner if the public had all the facts.

Rader

For example, Bob Beattie, author of an upcoming book on BTK, has recently compared some of the BTK letters to papers written by

Rader. He found that Rader's papers contained similar, if not identical, spelling and grammatical errors.

Tim Rogers, an assistant managing editor at The Eagle, said the media must not be seen as an arm of the police. "But there are cases — and the BTK case is clearly one — where we have to be mindful not only of what we can do, but what is the right thing to do," Rogers said. (AP)

Census Finds U.S. Arabs Prospering

washington | People of Arab descent living in the United States tend to be better educated and wealthier than other Americans, the Census Bureau says.

Arabs are nearly twice as likely as the typical U.S. resident to possess a college degree -41 percent to 24 percent. Education typically

help people lose weight and keep it off for up to two years, setting the

translates into higher income, and that was highlighted in the report from the 2000 census: The median income for an Arab family was \$52,300, about \$2,300 more than the median for all U.S. families.

The proportion of U.S. Arabs in management jobs was also higher, 42 percent to 34 percent. (AP)





Hacked Into Sites

BOSTON | Harvard Business School will reject 119 applicants who followed a hacker's instructions and peeked into the school's admission

An unknown hacker posted instructions last week on a

the school's dean said.

site to see if they had been accepted,

BusinessWeek online message board on how to view the status of their applications. Applicants to at least six business schools took advantage of the instructions, although most got only blank screens.

Though some Harvard applicants did find data on their status, officials stressed that any decision isn't final until March 30.

Other business schools, including those at MIT, Stanford, Duke and Dartmouth, have not said if they will reject applications. (AP)

Today in

The Washington Post

Izzle-Filled: Gizoogle, the illegitimate cousin of Google, translates its search results into Snoop Dogg slang, or izzle-speak. | *Page A1*

Street Life: Some 2,000 volunteers in New York City heard the stories and logged the names of the city's homeless this week. | *A Section*

Star Power: No one in the Nationals' clubhouse has created more of a buzz than 19-year-old shortstop Ian Desmond. | *Sports*

World

E-PRAYERS: Like anyone who's away from the office for a while, e-mail is piling up for Pope John Paul II. The Vatican has logged more than 10,000 well-wishing e-mails in English alone as the pope recovers at a Rome hospital from throat surgery.

China Rolls Out Tough Taiwan Law

Mainland OKs use of force against island if it claims independence

BEIJING | China unveiled a law Tuesday authorizing an attack if Taiwan moves toward formal independence, increasing pressure on the self-ruled island.

Taiwan denounced the legislation as a "blank check to invade" and announced war games aimed at repelling an attack.

The proposed anti-secession law, read for the first time before the ceremonial National People's Congress, does not specify what actions might invite a Chinese attack.

"If possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted, the state shall employ nonpeaceful means and other necessary measures to protect China's sovereignty," Wang Zhaoguo, deputy chairman of the congress' Standing Committee, told the nearly 3,000 members gathered in the Great Hall of the People.

Beijing claims Taiwan, which split from China since 1949, as part of its territory. (AP)



A man reads the text of the proposed law in Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

China Rolls Hezbollah Supporters Swarm Beirut

Throngs cheer Syria's presence, denounce U.S.

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Hundreds of thousands jammed a central Beirut square Tuesday, chanting support for Syria and anti-U.S. slogans in a thundering show of strength by the militant group Hezbollah — a rally that greatly outnumbered recent demonstrations against Syria's presence in Lebanon.

An Associated Press estimate put the crowd's size at up to 500,000.

The demonstration came hours before Syria began redeploying its



troops within Lebanon to an area closer to the two countries' border. President Bush, who rejects this as a half-step, demanded Tuesday that Syria withdraw completely.

But that was not the sentiment among the protesters in Riad Solh square, where a huge banner read, in English: "Thank you, Syria."

Hezbollah, an anti-Israeli party representing Shiite Muslims, organized the rally as a way of demonstrating that it will remain a powerful force in Lebanon even if Syria leaves. It is the best armed faction in Lebanon and enjoys strong support among the country's 1.2 millioni Shiites. Respect for it extends beyond the Shiites because of its years of fighting against Israel.

Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah's leader, addressed the crowd from a balcony on a building facing the square.

"Lebanon is not Ukraine," Nasrallah said, referring to that country's "orange revolution" last year. "If anyone thinks you can bring down a state with a few demonstrations, ... a few shouts, a few media, he is suspect, he is wrong."

The weeks of anti-Syrian demonstrations in Beirut followed the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Many Lebanese accuse Syria and Lebanon's government of responsibility for Hariri's death; both deny any involvement. TANALEE SMITH (AP)



Two Lebanese police officers watch over the pro-Syrian protesters gathered near the U.N. building in Beirut on Tuesday. An estimated 500,000 people turned out.

Mystery of King Tut's Death Endures

But pharaoh didn't die violently, researchers say

CAIRO | King Tut wasn't murdered by a blow to the head, nor was his chest crushed in an accident. But after ruling out those theories, the most revealing tests ever performed on the boy pharaoh's mummy didn't solve the mystery of how he died.

The results of the high-tech CT scan released Tuesday raised one new possibility: Days before his death, Tut might have broken his thigh, punc-

turing the skin, which could have caused a dangerous infection.

But not every member of the Egyptian-led team that pored over 1,700 CT images of Tut's body taken two months ago agreed. Some said the fracture could have occurred from mishandling when the mummy was discovered in 1922.

Zahi Hawass, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities,

said the study allowed him to rule out violent death, but left him with no idea how Tut died. He stressed it was unlikely they would ever find an answer.

Still, the results provided the most revealing insight yet into ancient Egypt's most famous king, who ruled 3,300 years ago. Tut was a well-fed, healthy 19-year-old, standing 5 feet, 6 inches tall, the study suggested. It was the first time his age has been established. (AP)

Scottish Aid Worker Shot Dead in Kabul

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Gunmen driving landcruisers killed a 41-year-old Scottish development consultant in the first fatal shooting of a foreign aid worker in the Afghan capital since the fall of the Taliban three years ago, officials said Tuesday.

A purported spokesman for the

hardline militia claimed responsibility for the Monday night attack, which broke a lull in violence in the city and could shake confidence that security is improving nationwide. Police said they have yet to identify the attackers or establish the motive.

Steven Blair MacQueen, 41, a

private consultant advising Afghanistan's rural development ministry, was shot and killed inside his pickup truck, just 30 yards from the main guest house for U.N. workers and close to the Dutch Embassy.

Kabul is patrolled by thousands of NATO peacekeepers and is one of the safest places in the country, but violent, criminal incidents are not uncommon. (AP)

HEARSAY | QUIET PLEA

"We can't cope with the lack of privacy to cry over our loved ones."

-PILAR MANJON, ASSOC. OF VICTIMS OF 3/II
URGING SPANIARDS TUESDAY TO LET THE
FAMILIES OF VICTIMS FROM THE MADRID
TRAIN BOMBINGS MOURN QUIETLY ON FRIDAY, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACKS

Under Fire, U.S. Fast-Tracks Probe Of Agent's Death

BAGHDAD | The U.S. military decided Tuesday to conduct an accelerated inquiry to learn why American troops opened fire, killing an Italian intelligence agent and wounding an Italian journalist he helped rescue from insurgents in Iraq.

The decision came as the military also opened an inquiry into the shooting death of a Bulgarian soldier, which appeared to be a friendly fire incident on the same day.

Both probes were an indication of the pressure being brought on the Bush administration by its few allies in Europe that supported U.S. policies in Iraq. Italy sent 3,000 troops to Iraq, while Bulgaria has 460.

Both countries have said they will not withdraw, but domestic pressure to bring them home has been growing, especially in Bulgaria where it is an election issue. (AP)

World



REINING-IN REALITY: The head of Turkey's TV watchdog agency has called on broadcasters to tone down popular reality shows, such as "May I Call You Mother," that have shown women vying for husbands hurling glasses and threatening to beat each other.

Chechen Rebel Leader Dies in Raid

Kremlin blamed Maskhadov for series of terrorist attacks

MOSCOW | Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov, a fugitive with a \$10 million price on his head who was linked by the Kremlin to a deadly school hostage siege and other attacks, was killed Tuesday during a special forces operation.

Reports differed on whether he was killed by the Federal Security Service forces or inadvertently shot by one of his own bodyguards in a bunker in north-central Chechnya.

Russian television showed video of a shirtless corpse strongly resembling Maskhadov lying in a pool of blood. The leader of separatist forces in Chechnya fought the Russian army to standstill in 1996 and then was elected president of the republic when the Russians withdrew.

But as head of de facto independent Chechnya, the secular-minded Maskhadov, 53, lost influence to fundamentalist Islamic rebels. By the time Russian forces returned in 1999, he was overshadowed by warlord Shamil Basayev and regarded



Maskhadov at his inauguration in Grozny in this photo from Feb. 12, 1997.

as a comparative moderate.

Although his death is a propaganda victory for Russia, it also could place the rebels firmly in the camp of the Wahhabi radical Basayev.

"Maskhadov was the only one with whom a peaceful agreement could have been made," the Interfax news agency quoted Alexander Cherkasov, of the human rights group Memorial, as saying.

Maskhadov last week reportedly called for talks with President Vladimir Putin on ending the war. But that call, like previous proposals, was rejected. JIM HEINTZ (AP)

'Nothing good will come of this': Some analysts said Russia should brace for attacks | Today's Post: Section A

GERMANY

U.S. Official: Bin Laden OK'd 9/II Attack Two Years Prior

A U.S. investigator Tuesday told the retrial of a Moroccan accused of aiding the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers that Osama bin Laden personally approved the plot two years before the attacks. The testimony by Dietrich Snell, a New York deputv attornev general, was based on the Sept. 11 Commission's report to Congress, which he worked on.

The Hamburg court called Snell as a witness in Mounir el Motassadeg's retrial to find out more about the interrogations of al Qaeda leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Ramzi Binalshibh, the hijackers' suspected contact with al Qaeda. (AP)

NEPAL

Police Break Up Opposition Protests, Arrest Hundreds

Nepal's political parties launched their first major protest Tuesday against King Gyanendra's imposition of emergency rule, but truncheon-wielding police poured into the streets of Katmandu and arrested hundreds of former lawmakers and ministers at the rally, police and political activists said. Many politicians have gone underground since Gyanendra seized power Feb. 1, saying political parties and their governments had failed to end a Maoist insurgency that has killed more than 10,500 people. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: More than 350,000 African refugees were able to return to their homelands in 2004, but some 4 million remain in limbo because of sustained conflicts, the chief of the U.N. refugee agency's Africa bureau said. The majority are returning to nine countries: Angola, Burundi, Congo, Eritrea, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Sudan. (AP)

Despite Claims, Israeli Settlement **Outposts Expand**

JERUSALEM | The Israeli government has been actively promoting and expanding West Bank settlement outposts, settler leaders and a new study said Tuesday, contradicting repeated government claims that it is working hard to dismantle dozens of outposts.

The government-sponsored studyis to be released Wednesday at a news conference with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Excerpts were printed Tuesday in the Maariv daily.

The outposts in the West Bank, often just a few trailers, are seen as seeds of larger communities, in violation of assurances by successive Israeli governments that they would not build new settlements.

Sharon, once a staunch settlement supporter, has changed his view since becoming prime minister and accepting the U.S.-backed "road map" plan in 2003 that calls for the dismantling of outposts. (AP)

BRITAIN | ROYAL STAMP OF APPROVAL



PHILATELY: Photos of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles grace a set of royal wedding postage stamps to be unveiled today. The stamps go on sale on April 8, the couple's wedding day. The queen approved the photos.



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U.N. Court Indicts Kosovo's PM

Haradinaj steps down, says he will surrender

PRISTINA, SERBIA-MONTENEGRO | Kosovo's prime minister resigned Tuesday and said he would surrender to the U.N. court that has indicted him for alleged war crimes. But he insisted he was innocent.

Ramush Haradinaj said he would leave Wednesday for The Hague, Netherlands, where the tribunal is based. Proclaiming his innocence, Haradinaj said his actions as an ethnic Albanian rebel commander during the 1998-99 war against Serb forces were consistent with international law.

Neither Haradinaj nor tribunal

officials gave any details on the charges. Serbian officials accuse him of command responsibilitv in the alleged killing of several Serb civilians by Kosovo

Haradinai

Liberation Army forces in 1998.

Kosovo still seethes with ethnic tensions nearly six years after the end of the 1998-99 war between Serbs and ethnic Albanians. The ethnic Albanian majority considers Haradinaj a hero in the struggle for independence from Serb rule. But most of the Serb minority hate him and other past KLA leaders that fought former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's Serb forces.

Milosevic himself is being tried by the tribunal for his alleged part in atrocities in Kosovo and other Balkan wars. That trial, and the fact that most of those who have answered to the court have been Serbs, have embittered Serbs, who accuse the tribunal of bias. (AP)

On alert: The indictment raised fears of possible unrest by Haradinaj's supporters | Today's Post: Section A

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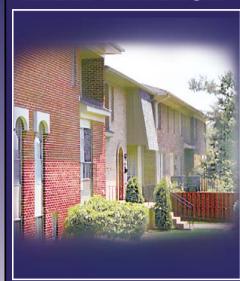
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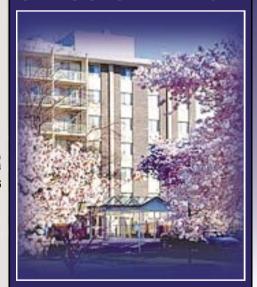
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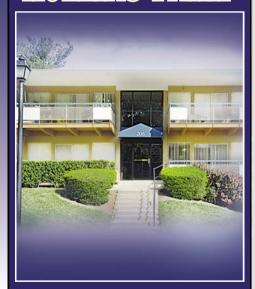


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Money



BUSY SIGNAL: America Online Inc. said Tuesday that it plans to launch a Net-based phone service for some customers within a month, competing with telephone and cable companies, and dozens of other firms that transmit calls over high-speed connections.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange				NASDAQ Stock Market					
Gainers stock	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	Gainers stock	LAST	DAILY Change	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE		
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3-month	2.70	2.70	European Euro	.7495	.7576	.8072		
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10-year	4.39	4.38	Mexican Peso	10.9800	11.0220	10.9670		
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DirecTV	15.36	04	-8.2			
Disney	28.53	43	+2.6			
Fox Ent	35.19	48	+12.6			
Gannett	78.83	17	-3.5			
GTelevsa	64.61	54	+6.8			
LibtyMA	10.28	01	-6.4			
McGrH	95.85	+.45	+4.7			
NewsCpA n	17.32	23	-7.2			
NewsCpB n	17.76	24	-7.5			
Thomson	34.90	+.75	-1.1			
TimeWarn	17.63	26	-9.4			
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Gas Prices Could Jump in Spring

Costs at the pump may stay above \$2 per gallon, forecasters say

WASHINGTON | Gasoline prices probably will jump an additional 15 cents this spring and remain well above \$2 a gallon through the heavy driving season, forecasters say.

There's also little relief in sight for crude oil prices, which are pushing gasoline costs higher. Crude prices probably will remain "near the high to mid-\$40" a barrel range well into 2006, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said Tuesday.

Regular gasoline averaged \$2 a gallon last week, 26 cents higher than a year ago, and crude prices have been above \$50 a barrel. On Tuesday, crude prices briefly surpassed \$55 a barrel before settling at \$54.59 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

While the EIA expects prices to ease off from the currently high levels, it noted that oil prices are highly sensitive to market pressures.

Some analysts have suggested crude could surpass \$60 a barrel



Gas prices were well over \$2 per gallon Tuesday at this San Francisco station.

in the coming weeks and stay high because of growing global demand and the limited ability of producers to easily expand production.

The report said motorists are likely to see increasing pump prices in 2005, with regular gasoline expected to average about \$2.10 a gallon nationwide during the heavy driving season from April through September. That's one-fifth higher than last year. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

Shoe Giant DSW Says Customer Info Stolen

Thieves took credit card data from 103 stores

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Credit card information from customers of more than 100 DSW Shoe Warehouse stores was stolen from a company computer's database over the last three months, a lawyer for the national chain said Tuesday.

The company discovered the theft of credit card and personal shopping information on Friday and reported it to federal authorities, said Julie Davis, general counsel for the chain's parent, Retail Ventures Inc. The Secret Service is investigating, she said.

Customers should check their

credit card statements and report any irregularities, Davis said.

The information was stolen from a database for 103 of the chain's 175 stores. The number of credit cards involved was sizable, but the Secret Service could not provide a specific number, said Kurt Douglass, special agent in charge of the Cincinnati field office.

Reports of theft or loss of credit card and other customer information have broadened in recent months, involving companies such as ChoicePoint, Bank of America and BJ's Wholesale Club. (AP)

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SEAT SALE: Tickets for Nationals home games at RFK Stadium will go on sale Saturday at noon, ranging from \$7 to \$45. The sale won't include tickets for the April 14 regular season home opener, though. Those tickets go on sale March 26 at noon.

Cardozo Classes Convene

Students meet at **UDC** as **EPA** removes mercury from school

WASHINGTON | Students from Cardozo High School will continue attending classes at the University of the District of Columbia on Wednesday while federal contractors hunt for more traces of mercury.

Only about a third of Cardozo's 830 students attended the first day of orientation Tuesday. The school system provided buses, but students were to take public transportation beginning Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Environmental Protection Agency officials said more droplets of the toxic substance were removed from Cardozo on Monday, after cleaning crews discovered another contaminated area over the weekend.

"We're collecting anything that may have been used in the cleanup," said on-scene EPA coordinator Marcos Aquino, who showed reporters a sample of mercury from the school that was so small



The EPA's Marcos Aquino answers questions at Cardozo on Tuesday while holding a vial containing mercury bits as small as a pen-point found inside the school.

it was barely visible.

School Board President Peggy Cooper Cafritz was critical of the cleanup process at Cardozo and appealed to students to stop using mercury as a prank during an appearance on WTTG-TV.

But officials said it doesn't seem

to be a prank that closed Hardy Middle School for mercury contamination Tuesday. A student accidentally dropped a mercury thermometer Monday in a classroom, witnesses said. Hardy was to reopen on time Wednesday, school officials said. Brett zongker (AP)

House Speaker Calls For Probe of Ehrlich

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Democratic | House Speaker Michael Busch issued a strident call Tuesday for a legislative investigation into the hiring and firing practices of Gov. Robert Ehrlich.

The announcement came as the governor prepares this week to release more e-mails from a former aide accused of compiling lists of low-level workers to be fired. Democratic legislators accuse Joseph Steffen, who was fired by Ehrlich last week, of being a roving agent who was sent into the bureaucracy to search out employees who were not loyal to the administration.

Steffen referred to himself as the "Prince of Darkness" and, in one agency where he worked, placed a figurine of a grim reaper on his desk.

Busch's news conference Tuesday marked legislative leaders' most public call so far for a formal inquiry. Busch hopes to cooperate with Democratic Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, as well as Republican lawmakers, and appoint a joint committee that would gather testimony from the Ehrlich administration and from workers who have been fired. GRETCHEN PARKER (AP)

Guard Charged in Md. Arson Case

GREENBELT, MD. | A security guard who left his post early the morning of the arsons at a Charles County housing development was charged Tuesday with lying to federal agents investigating the crime.

William Fitzpatrick faces one count of making false and fraudulent statements when he was interviewed several days after the Dec. 6 fires that caused \$10 million in damage. He is not accused of taking part in the arsons. Fitzpatrick appeared in U.S. District Court Tuesday and was released on his own recognizance. (AP)







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HIGH INTEREST: A rare dime struck in 1894 at the San Francisco mint was auctioned Monday in Baltimore for more than \$1.3 million — the most ever paid for a United States dime, experts said. It was one of just 24 like dimes.



Local

WINTER WEATHER | MOTHER NATURE FIGHTS BACK



OUT IN THE COLD: One day after the region experienced 70-degree temperatures, a hatless pedestrian tries to cross Colesville Road in Silver Spring during a brief but pesky snow storm Tuesday morning. The surprise winter blast slowed traffic for commuters in the morning but cleared by mid-afternoon, although cool temperatures remained.

Weather Blamed For Oct. Accidents

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State Police have concluded that a freak storm that suddenly showered Interstate 95 with wind, rain and hail in October led to what is believed to have been the worst multiple-vehicle accident in Maryland history — at least 130 vehicles involved in 33 crashes along an 11-mile stretch of the highway.

After consulting with prosecu-

tors in Baltimore and Harford counties, police said Monday that none of the drivers will be charged.

The fast-moving line of lateafternoon thunderstorms that hit the area produced pea-size hail, fog and steamy mist, causing drivers to skid out of control, police and witnesses said.

Twenty-nine crashes at 17 locations occurred in the southbound lanes, police said. Four crashes were reported in the northbound lanes, investigators found. More than 50 people were injured, but no one was killed. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, March 8

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-9-3 (white)
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Mid-day DC 4	0-2-1-0
Evening DC 4	4-7-1-2
Quick Cash 29	-23-24-31-39-4
Hot Five	8-25-30-32-5

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13-15-16-26-31

Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)

Md. Nurse Enters Guilty Plea

ROCKVILLE, MD. | A former intensive care nurse accused of contributing to the deaths of critically ill patients pleaded guilty Tuesday to neglect in five deaths during a two-year period.

Coleen Thompson, 36, could be sentenced to five years in prison for five misdemeanor counts of second-degree abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult under a plea deal reached with prosecutors.

Thompson is not accused of killing the patients, many of whom were terminally ill when they arrived at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. But prosecutors said she sometimes hastened their deaths by ignoring doctors' orders or by withholding critical medications.

Thompson, who was fired in 2003 and had her nursing license suspended by the state, wept quietly several times during her hearing Tuesday. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)



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PLEASE LOVE ME: Alanis Morissette wants another album as big as "Jagged Little Pill." In order to guarantee herself such a thing, she's making it again. An acoustic "Jagged" comes out in June, exactly 10 years since the original was released. Ironic, doncha think?



Entertainment



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Experimental Theater: SITI-ationists

Anne Bogart's SITI theatrical group performs an avantgarde version of "Death and the Ploughman," a meditation on existence and meaning.

George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax,; 8 p.m., \$17-\$34; 703-218-6500.

Great Scot: Bonnie Rideout

Finally, a hall big enough to contain the vast musical knowledge of local fiddler Bonnie Rideout and the City of Washington Pipe Band. Scottishmusic expert Rideout and the 17 pipers present a Celtic celebration in sound.

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Scottish fiddle champion Bonnie Rideout hears the pipes a-callin'.

In Harmony: Manhattan Transfer

The four vocalists of the crowd-pleasing pop-jazz outfit Manhattan Transfer are still harmonizing.

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Rather's Last Words

The veteran anchor says goodbye in a tear-free look back

NEWS ON NEWS | "Dan Rather: A Reporter Remembers" (8 p.m., CBS) offers a glance back at Rather's career and at some of the major stories of the past four decades. Tonight marks Rather's last night as anchor of the CBS Evening News, a post he has held since 1981.

"Reporter" recalls Rather's Texas youth and his early days as a jackof-all-trades in radio and then television news.

The bulk of the salute is dedicated to Rather's reportage from the frontline of the Civil Rights struggle, from the Kennedy assassinations, under fire in Vietnam, being beaten up at the 1968 Democratic Convention and asking questions of and about powerful politicians.

"Reporter" tries to deal with Rather's reputation for sometimes seeming strange. Rather discusses the 1986 mugging incident that inspired the R.E.M. song "What's the Frequency, Kenneth?" But the show never mentions the anchor's peculiar 1985 decision to end his broadcasts with the word "Courage" and then, just as enigmatically, to stop.

In this valedictory summary Rather also reflects when he may







FOUR DECADES OF NEWS: Clockwise from top left, Rather on television reporting the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 23, 1963; the anchor in 2001; and in his days as a sports broadcaster at KTRH in Houston, Texas.

have gone over the line. And he apologizes for mistakes made last September when his "60 Minutes" team appeared to be hoodwinked by bogus documents about President Bush's reserve duty. But Rather makes no apologies to critics who have tried to make him a poster boy

for the liberal media. The show's emphasis on Rather's service on dangerous assignments underscores his defiant attitude. Where is the footage of Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity or Rush Limbaugh reporting from a combat zone under enemy fire?

In acknowledging the anchor's critics, the documentary includes a shot of a handmade poster emblazoned with the phrase "Up Yours, Dan Rather." In its own way, "Reporter" lets the critics know that the feelings are mutual. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Hot Wheels on Cable TV

'Whips' provides extreme makeovers for cars

FAST AND LOOSE | In urban hipspeak, whips are baaad cars. And no one in the custom-car business is more unique than Will Castro, who owns Unique Autosports in Holbrook, N.Y.

"Unique Whips," which stars the cars and Castro, is Speed Channel's latest entry in the growing genre of reality car shows on cable (like "Pimp My Ride" and "Monster Garage") dedicated to the art of juicing up vehicles, from trucks to SUVs to exotics. The show debuted last month and airs on Wednesdays.

"The show is unscripted, just a free-style thing," Castro said. "It's basically about me interacting with the guys in the shop, and my celebrity clients and how I interact with them. We try to keep the cursing to a minimum."

Judging from the depth of



Castro with one of his sweet rides in the Speed Channel show "Unique Whips."

Castro's customer Rolodex, the show could run forever: Among his clients are Jennifer Lopez, Marc Anthony, Busta Rhymes, Jadakiss, NFLers Curtis Martin and Santana Moss, and NBA stars Jermaine O'Neal and Yao Ming.

Almost all the action takes place in Castro's garage, where the cars and trucks are wildly rearranged with new interiors, fancy rims, loud paint jobs and loads of sex appeal. And Castro says he intends to show all sides of the business, "the good, the bad and the ugly ... I'm going to show it all. I'm going to show the stuff that everyone else is afraid to put out there." (NEWSDAY)

Entertainment

THE BOSS KEEPS BUSY: No, Bruce

Springsteen isn't spending all his time jumping onto stages and jamming with delighted bands.



He's working on a new DualDisc release, "Devils & Dust," slated to drop on April 26. The DVD side will feature acoustic versions of four of the tracks.

When Love Talked Back

Two classic comedies earn a polished but long overdue release

DVDS | The Warner Bros. release of two of Katharine Hepburn's best films - "Bringing Up Baby" and "The Philadelphia Story" — marks the long-overdue DVD debut of "Baby," a box office flop about a nerdy scientist (Cary Grant) who falls for a loopy heiress (Hepburn) that's now regarded as an American classic.

It also gives "The Philadelphia Story" the two-disc treatment it richly deserves after a previously issued version that contained no extras. Each can be bought individually or as part of Warner's Classic Comedies Collection, which



Hepburn and Cary Grant in the echtscrewball comedy "Bringing Up Baby."

also includes single-disc releases of "Dinner at Eight," "Libeled Lady," "Stage Door" and "To Be or Not to Be."

Both of these sophisticated screwball comedies have been digitally remastered, but "The Philadelphia Story" looks sharper. Still, don't be surprised to see a few black lines and flecks onscreen in both films.

Bonus feature-wise, each includes documentaries, commentary tracks and shorts from the Warner Bros. vault. The shorts are superfluous and apropos of nothing, but virtually everything else on these DVDs — particularly last year's Turner Classic Movies documentary "Cary Grant: A Class Apart," featured on "Bringing Up Baby" — adds a layer of further appreciation for these beloved farces.

Of course, in the end, the real reason to own these is for the movies themselves. They demonstrate that great comedy isn't merely funny. It's smart, too. JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)



KEEP ON MOVING: Born Maya Arulpragasam, M.I.A. moved from London to Sri Lanka to India and back while her rebel father tried to outrun the authorities.

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World Beat

The multi-culti music of rapper M.I.A. is infused with realism

NEW FACES | It's hard to say which is more interesting: M.I.A.'s background or her music. Beginning as a youth on the run from authorities, continuing as a refugee in London and now as an artist with what is likely to be one of the most writtenabout albums of 2005, the 27-yearold daughter of a Sri Lankan rebel has lived an extraordinary life.

M.I.A.'s electro-Bollywood-hiphop has generated gargantuan interest among pop tastemakers based on a single song. "Galang" is an intensely rhythmic culture clash that draws heavily on American gangsta rap and Hindi film, Jamaican dancehall and Europop.

M.I.A.'s debut album, "Arular," due soon from Beggar's Banquet, is a more in-depth exploration of the singer's refugee eclecticism. It's an unstoppable riot of sound, weaving London street slang with Sri Lankan nursery rhymes, world politics and personal experience.

Maya Arulpragasam was born in London but moved to Sri Lanka with her family when she was 6 months old. M.I.A. and her family were among the minority Tamil population in a country dominated by Sinhalese; her father was part of a militant group seeking independence.

Rebel activities kept her father separated from the family and her family on the run for the next decade. When civil war broke out, they relocated to India.

"My father's idea of safety was sticking us in the middle of nowhere where the army couldn't get us but without water, food, medication and money."

Much of the Tamil population today is starving and restricted to refugee camps, she said. The rebel group her father helped form is now considered a terrorist organization

"In the '70s, these people set out with ideas to be revolutionaries and fight for independence she explained. "Those terms don't exist anymore." SUSAN CARPENTER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Helpful Web sites make sure your TV's not lost in translation

HUH? | Been wondering what the Korean couple is saying on ABC's "Lost" when co-stars Yunjin Kim and Daniel Dae Kim aren't the focus of attention and don't get English subtitles like they did for that Feb. 23 episode?

That's why we love the Web. The countless links at www.lostlinks.net guide the way to such helpful "Lost" locations as Korean Translations by Cidalin.



BILINGUAL: The "Lost" characters Sun and Jin converse and argue in Korean.

In addition to rendering dialogue in English, this page also puts quotes in context by explaining how they reflect Korean culture and customs.

The "Lost" converter isn't the first TV language aid we've consulted. The aurally bewildered also have gotten assistance at a different Web site in understanding muffled orange kid Kenny on Comedy Central's "South Park." The unintelligible tyke's ramblings turn out to be R-rated, or even X-rated, depending on the viewer's sensibility.

If you'd rather go the other way and Kenny-fy your normal English, try typing into the "mffpmp! Kenny Translator" at www.namesuppressed.com/kenny.

ON TV TONIGHT

WORK IT, GIRLS

AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (8 p.m., UPN) The hard-luck girls strut their stuff.

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THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) Poor Matt Santos (Jimmy Smits). Pull a string in his back and he'll say, "Politics is tough." Tonight, he faces a difficult immigration issue and can't vote "both."

OR NOT; WHO KNOWS?

ALIAS (9 p.m., ABC) It's a night of family uneasiness as Vaughn and Sydney struggle with doubt and unwelcome revelations *coughNadia'sevilcough*. Oh, did we say too much?

WHY, NBC? WHY?

AMERICAN DREAMS (8 p.m., NBC) slides on its burlap dress and climbs into the tumbril to be sacrificed to the time-slot god.



ARE WE DEAD YET? Brittany Snow's Meg graduates in time to be cancelled.

Meanwhile, ABC does a little dance.

GODZILLA VS. THE SIXTIES

LOST (8 p.m., ABC) Speaking of, tonight's repeat episode (a search party sets off after Claire and Charlie; Jack has daddy issues) will still stomp "American Dreams." (EXPRESS)

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Sometimes it's tough to be trendy ... you end up looking just like everyone else. That's the beauty of boutiques like Circle, a tiny below-stairs nook in Dupont: You can indulge in the latest fad without running into your exact fashion double on the Metro.

• Style: Circle offers an excellent mix of contemporary looks and classic quality from both little-known talent and rock star-approved labels. A strapless, pleated dress (\$297) by Reyes made me wonder if my landlord really wanted the rent this month, while the Bella Dahl pants mystically did something to my butt that made them worth the price (though the super-soft corduroy-ish pair I tried are half off their usual \$145). Leslie Hsu handbags (\$75-\$440) are perfect if you want a designer bag that gets you noticed because it's a great bag, not because it has a famous logo. On the men's side, Sean John is the biggest name, with other designers like Armand Basi and Rock & Republic creating a preppy/urban-cowboywannabe vibe.

Accessories are real standouts here - Circle specializes in local, handmade items. This is where you buy beaded necklaces and earrings that are better than the ones everyone else is buying at Banana Republic.

• Price: Pants and shirts run around

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We've just bought a new home

with hardwood floors in just about every room and we're looking for

some decent rugs at budget pric-

es. We've also got some odd-sized

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LIVE ONLINE



DOWN UNDER: Circle Boutique nestles below street level near Dupont Circle.



Women's designers include Senada, Diana Lee, Unis and Bell Epoque.

\$150 and coats easily clear \$300. Winter inventory is now 50 percent off -a good deal, especially on the cashmere sweaters. Accessories are very reasonable: you can easily get yourself a little treat for under \$100.

• Service: The service made me happy, especially when the service

1304 Severn Way, Sterling, Va.; 703-

406-0761. They have a very large

selection of rugs and they do have

odd sizes. Prices are great also.

I'm blessed with a thick plate rail

around the perimeter of my dining

room. Problem is, I don't own any

decorative plates I'd want to dis-

prop up on the ledge?

play. Is there anything else I could

Framed black and white pho-

tographs or prints (all in the same

style of frame) would look very nice.

It's also great because you can easily

alternate what you display and don't

have to make holes in the walls.

complimented my shoes. It's not service based on sucking up, though. The two staff members — the same on both visits — were helpful, kind and just fun. When I tried on a pair of jeans so low-rise that the waist band and my actual waist were in entirely different ZIP codes, causing every ounce of tummy flab to ooze out and over like fleshy Jell-O, the staff agreed that it was not the most flattering look — but they blamed the pants, not the tummy. On both visits, I ended up hanging out for awhile, at one point admiring the owner's sonogram (trust me, this will be a very stylish baby).

- Bonus Points: Check www.circle boutique.com, for special sales and community events.
- Bottom Line: It might be worth a week of ramen to afford one of Circle's classic-yet-funky pieces.

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The number of consecutive games that the Wizards' Antawn Jamison had played until a sore knee sidelined him Tuesday against the Knicks. The streak was the longest among active NBA players. Toronto's Morris Peterson (256) now heads the list.

Redskins Lose Smoot To Vikings

Cornerback is second defensive star to sign elsewhere in offseason

REDSKINS | First it was Antonio Pierce, now it's Fred Smoot.

The top two free agents that the Washington Redskins said they wanted to re-sign have now left the team for greener pastures.

Smoot agreed to terms on a contract Tuesday with the Minnesota Vikings, sending the top cornerback on the free agent market to a team that has had persistent defensive problems.

Smoot, one of the most liked members of the Redskins and considered a team leader, had 16 interceptions over five seasons with Washington. He was selected as an alternate to the Pro Bowl last year.

Smoot forms a quality tandem at cornerback with Antoine Winfield, who was Minnesota's top free agent signee last season.

Last Thursday, the Redskins lost Pierce to the New York Giants, who gave the middle linebacker a sixyear, \$26 million contract following a stand-out season in Gregg Williams' defense. (AP)



SAFE: St. Louis Cardinals Chris Duncan slides home to score a run in a 9-7 victory over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday.

Cards Stop the Nationals

Pitcher Loaiza allows one run in four innings

NATIONALS | Mark Mulder threw four strong innings, rebounding nicely from a disappointing spring training debut to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-7 win Tuesday over the Washington Nationals.

In his second start of the spring, Mulder allowed two runs and five hits in three innings, walking one and striking out three.

"I gave up a couple of runs but they were the only two bad pitches I made," Mulder said after the Cardinals' fourth straight win. "I felt much better. My delivery was better and I was locating the ball better."

It was a big improvement for Mulder, who lasted only one inning in his first spring training appearance against the Mets. He needed 44 pitches to get three outs in that one, walking four and giving up a two-run single.

Mark Grudzielanek, brought in along with David Eckstein to form the Cardinals' new middle infield, had three hits. Eckstein reached base three times from the leadoff spot.

Free-agent-signee Esteban Loaiza started for the Nationals, allowing one run and seven hits in four innings.

Tony Blanco had three hits and two RBIs for Washington, and Endy Chavez was 2-for-4 with an RBI. (AP)

In Brief

HALSEY, ORE.

Panel to Investigate Coach Licking Player's Cut Knee

The Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission plans to investigate a high school football coach who acknowledged licking a bloody cut on the knee of one of his players. The student whose knee was licked told police Reed had given team members a pep talk about a coach licking and healing injured players' wounds so they could get back in a game. Team members urged Reed to do the same for a bleeding scab on the student's knee, and Reed did after asking permission. (AP)

EUUTBALL

Linebacker Bell Tolls for Lowly Kansas City Defense

Linebacker Kendrell Bell, the defensive rookie of the year four years ago, signed a seven-year contract with the defensively troubled Kansas City Chiefs on Tuesday. Bell, 6-foot-1, 257 pounds, was one of the last name free agents on the markets even though he played just three games last season with Pittsburgh. (AP)



Kendrell Bell was rookie of the year for the Pittsburgh Steelers four years ago.

DOPING

Congress Prepared to Subpoena Stars for Steroids

Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire and Jason Giambi were among seven current and former baseball stars that a congressional committee plans to subpoena as soon as Wednesday to testify about steroids. Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas also were asked last week to testify. Thus far, only Canseco and Thomas have said they were willing to appear. (AP)

Moss Passes Physical, Clearing Way for Trade

REDSKINS | Santana Moss passed his physical with the Washington Redskins and is expected to be introduced at a news conference Wednesday once the trade for Laveranues Coles becomes official.

Team officials said the wide receiver Moss passed his physical Monday night, but Coles isn't due to report to the New York Jets for his exam until Wednesday morning.

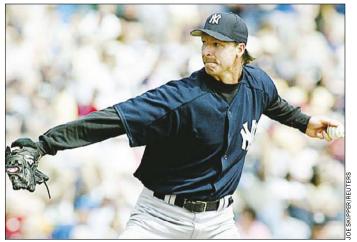
The physicals are the final necessity to complete the Colesfor-Moss trade, a swap agreed to on Saturday.

The trade comes with a huge price tag for the Redskins. Coles will count \$9.3 million against Washington's salary cap this season, virtually eliminating any major acquisitions for the rest of free agency.

Moss is entering the final year of his contract, and the Redskins will begin talks to sign him to a new deal once the trade is completed.

The Redskins also announced Tuesday that they have re-signed defensive tackle Cedric Killings. (AP)

BASEBALL | JOHNSON'S FIRST PITCH



ON THE HILL: Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson, acquired in an offseason trade, made his first start of the exhibition season on Tuesday. He gave up a two-run homer to the Braves' Chipper Jones in an 8-2 defeat.

EXCEPTION-AL: Wanting to ease star slugger Barry Bonds into the exhibition season, the San Francisco Giants asked the commissioner's office for permission to use a designated hitter during spring training home games. Bonds said he will be ready for opening day.



Sports

UConn., Pitt Seek Big East Reunion

Georgetown faces must-win situation in tourney

COLLEGE HOOPS | The last three Big East tournaments ended with Connecticut and Pittsburgh in the championship game — even Syracuse, which won the national championship two years ago, couldn't break their hold on the final.

The defending national champion Huskies, who won the first and third of those matchups, have been in the title game six of the last seven seasons, winning four. And Pittsburgh has been in the last four championship games, winning it all in 2003.

"That is phenomenal and speaks to what the programs have done," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said.

The tournament gets underway Wednesday at Madison

Square Garden with three games — West Virginia vs. Providence,

Georgetown vs. Seton Hall and Notre Dame vs. Rutgers.

West Virginia (18-9), Georgetown (16-11) and Notre Dame (17-10) all

are in must-win situations as far as their chances for an at-large bid

Calhoun

to the NCAA tournament. Should the Hoyas advance, they would play No. 12 Connecticut (21-6) on Thursday.

The Villanova-Pittsburgh winner is on the same side of the bracket as No. 7 Boston College (24-3), the top seed. The Eagles, who will play the West Virginia-Providence win-

ner in the quarterfinals, are leaving the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference after this season.

While many feel the thought of leaving the league with a championship trophy in hand on Saturday night is the aim of the Eagles, coach Al Skinner says that's not so.

"The facts it's the last one doesn't have any real significance for the players. That we're competing is the most important thing for us," he said. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN)Georgetown, in need of a good showing in the Big East tournament, draws

ing in the Big East tournament, draws Seton Hall in a first-round game in New York. Rutgers plays Notre Dame in the night-cap.

COLLEGE HOOPS (2 P.M. ON ESPN) West Virginia could use a win over Providence to solidify its NCAA tournament hopes. COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Wagner plays Fairleigh Dickinson for the Northeast Conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) The Big Sky conference championship.

COLLEGE HOOPS (IP.M. ONESPN2) Marquette and TCU, both on the NCAA bubble, play in the first round of the Conference USA tournament.

SOCCER | MOVING ON



HEAD'S UP: Chelsea's John Terry celebrates with teammates after heading in a goal for a 4-2 win over Barcelona on Tuesday to advance in the Champions League.



OVERFLOW OF EMOTION: Niagara students rushed the court after the Purple Eagles defeated Rider in the MAAC tournament final on Monday night, giving Niagara its first trip to the NCAA tournament since Calvin Murphy played at the N.Y. school.

Niagara Ends Its 35-Year Drought

Murphy, alums rejoice as Purple Eagles return to NCAA tournament

COLLEGE HOOPS | Calvin Murphy got teary-eyed watching Niagara clinch a spot in this year's NCAA tournament.

It's been 35 years since the Hall of Famer led the Purple Eagles to their first and only tournament bid — and Murphy figures it's about time he and his former mates had some company in the school record books.

"Goodness gracious. Let me tell you something. I am so proud of that university right now, I could scream." Murphy said.

There's plenty of that going around after Purple Eagles' fans stormed the HSBC Arena court to celebrate Niagara's 81-59 victory over Rider in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Championship game Monday.

The victory ended a frustrating string of close calls for the Purple Eagles, who had gone 0-5 in championship games since joining conference play in 1980.

The Purple Eagles have suddenly regained a share of the national prominence they once held in the 1950s, '60s and early '70s. That's when

Niagara enjoyed its heyday, earning seven NIT berths from 1950-72.

It took seven-year coach Joe Mihalich and a talented core of three seniors — center Juan Mendez and guards Alvin Cruz and David Brooks — to finally bridge that gap.

"I'm just numb," said Mihalich, overwhelmed by the flood of congratulatory phone calls he's received since the victory. "It's impossible to put this in perspective. It's the ultimate for us." John Wawrow (AP)

Flying high: Ex-Gonzaga Eagles
Lorenzo Miles, Stanley Hodge star
for Niagara now | Today's Post, Sports

A Weighty Issue for The NBA

Shaq 'obese' in study stating nearly half the league is overweight

HEALTH | Last week it was obese football players. Now it's ... overweight basketball players?

Yep. If you apply a widely used criterion to the published heights and weights of NBA players, nearly half qualify as overweight.

Only four players assessed using the body-mass index (BMI) by The Associated Press made it all the way to the "obese" range, most notably — you



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guessed it — Miami Heat star Shaquille O'Neal.

But the notion that 200 other NBA players out of 426 are even within a 3-point shot of tubby might make one wonder: Just how good is the BMI at telling if somebody is too fat?

The body-mass index doesn't directly measure fat. It comes from a formula that considers only weight and height. At 7-foot-1 and 325 pounds, O'Neal had the NBA's highest BMI, 31.6, in the AP analysis. (He admits to gaining 2 pounds since those numbers were posted.)

"I've read that same formula, but as an athlete, I'm classified as phenomenal," O'Neal said. "You can look it up." MALCOLM RITTER (AP)

Cars



NOT SO SMART: Zap racked up thousands of orders for its Smart Car after advertising it as the most efficient car ever, getting 60 miles to the gallon. Now, the EPA has made them revise that number to 37 miles to the gallon.

Bad for Using Roads | Survey: Subaru

Nissan's Frontier is great, as long as you avoid paved surfaces

ROAD TEST | The Nissan Frontier holds its own in the group of 2005 small or midsize pickup trucks, though one hopes the rest of the line rides better than the sporty, off-road-tuned NISMO — Nissan Motor Sports — model. Unless you plan on driving your pickup in the Baja 1000, you might do well to consider a more civilized version.

The new Frontier is offered in extended and "Crew" cab styles. The former, which Nissan calls "King" cab, has two small, rear-hinged doors to access the rear seating area. Back there are two cramped jumpseats with bolt, upright backs - more suitable for small pets than for people. (The NISMO is available also with a King cab.) The Crew style has four conventional fronthinged doors and a rear bench seat that's much more comfortable.

In terms of performance, Frontier's handling on the road can be skittish. The rack-and-pinion steering might also be suitable for off-road, but doesn't offer much feedback in on-road driving.

On the upside, the new Frontier's engine makes it very quick, and its automatic transmission works smoothly and downshifts without hesitation when the driver requests it



THE GIFT OF CAB: The "Crew" cab is fine, but go with the "King" cab and punish your enemies by making them sit in the back.

with a nudge of the accelerator. The cabin is reasonably quiet on the highway, and the Frontier's body feels as solid as the proverbial rock.

Frontiers are available with as modern a package of safety features as a pickup gets, including side-impact air bags to protect the head and help prevent ejections in rollovers; electronic stability control; hill descent control for off-roading; and hill starting assist to prevent rollback when starting off uphill.

The interior doesn't shine aesthetically, though; the dashboard looks like it was put together from a



The dash construction may be one step up from Lincoln Logs, but it works.

kit. But it works well functionally. Also standard or available in the more expensive variants of the Frontier are items such as a sprayin bed liner; a C-channel system for tying down cargo; sunroof; roof rack; leather interior; power seats; and stereos with MP3 and satellite radio capability. Tom incantalupo (newsday)

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QUALITY | Subaru, the Japanese automaker known for its allwheel-drive vehicles, won the top spot for the highest quality brand among new cars in Consumer Reports' annual automotive issue. The magazine's survey of product quality and performance, which hit newsstands Tuesday, ranks Japanese and South Korean automakers tops for quality. U.S. brands are second, but fall below the industry average, and Europeans rank a distant third.

Subaru jumped 16 places to become the most reliable automotive brand overall for 2004 models. It's the first time Subaru finished in the top spot in the 26 years Consumer Reports has conducted the survey.

Subaru owners reported eight problems per 100 cars and SUVs sold — an 8 percent problem rate. Honda was the second-highest-rated brand at 9 percent and Toyota third at 10 percent. Lexus, last year's leader, fell to fourth with an 11 percent rate.

In another surprise, the magazine found South Korean automaker Hyundai Motor Co.'s midsize Sonata Sedan to be the most reliable car in the United States last year, with just two problems reported for every 100 cars sold. JOHN O'DELL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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LUXURY | Why doesn't the \$170,000 Bentley Continental GT cause class warfare break out, or at least class resentment? Why, when one drives the car, don't the valet parkers, the carwash rag men, the predawn pop can harvesters in their rusty swayback pickups — why don't they lynch that person with their looks?

In an unexpected way, the Bentley transcends envy altogether because it is so beautiful, such a fine specimen, that it is almost public art. It is a perfect line drawn in air and penned in steel. Implausibly sleek, weightlessly substantial and rare enough to be one of a kind wherever it goes, the Bentley is the object of long, contemplating looks, the alert reverie of museum-goers. To drive a Continental GT is to see the world through the eyes of a Frank Stella sculpture.

Surely the czars made similar arguments about their Faberge eggs, and the Bourbon dynasty counted too heavily on the aesthetic gratitude of the peasants. And yet, when driving the Continental GT, one senses that he or she is at the wheel of something privately owned but communally shared.

The biggest difference between the Bentley and the cars that share its

hardware is the richness and authenticity of its materials. The several feet of book-matched burled walnut, the knurled-aluminum switch wands and knobs, the clubroom leather, the chromed organ-stop vent controls, the Breitling clock centered in the dash — steel, wood, leather, wool, glass and not a scrap of plastic anywhere.

In a world of temporary cars, the Bentley has a feeling of permanence. People who see it

feel they have brushed up against something fine and enduring.

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Culture

For some workers. the cubical is like their second home

For Hawaiian Shirt Fridays at Jeter, Cook & Jepson Architects in Hartford, Conn., architect Michael Waszkelewicz, 50, gets a shiny artificial palm tree from a closet and hangs it from the ventilation system above his cubicle. The palm could be an oddity, but it isn't.

Waszkelewicz's cubicle is filled

with live plants, making the fake tree less prominent. Covering one partition of the cubicle are postcards and pictures featuring palm trees. "It's calming," he said.

Cubicle space, much like the invisible personal space people create around them, is a conjured room giving the illusion of privacy and individuality in the workplace. Cubicles are like a second home for some, and they decorate them as such.

"Decoration is really tied into a sense of ownership," said Wellesley College psychology professor Steven Schiavo. He conducted research on faculty offices at Wellesley and



found that professors who decorated their offices were more attached to their workplace and, therefore, made it more homelike.

Cubicle decorations also help connect to others, he said. Called "impression management," decorating a visible space showcases what one wants to reveal about oneself.

"The person in the cubicle is doing it not just for herself or himself, but for the visitor," said Rhoda Green, a New York organizational consultant. This may be why some companies restrict cubicle decorations: to uphold a professional atmosphere reflecting the company's philosophy, especially for visitors.

Zita Christian of Hartford's Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts designed her cubicle space to represent four elements of nature. A dragon on the windowsill represents





ZEN DEN: Zita Christian, left, goes New Age in her Hartford, Conn., space; but not Natasha Renthke, top, who said keeping her area plain helps her stay focused.

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fire; blue fabric under the dragon represents water; plants represent earth; and a butterfly represents air. "It helps me to focus," Christian said of the decorations in her "house," as she calls her cubicle.

Office-space designer Laura Bordeaux said it's important that people personalize work areas with "pictures of their family members, or pets, or children's drawings and things like that, so they see why they are working."

Not everyone agrees. Natasha Rethke, interactive art director at Mintz & Hoke in Avon, Conn., maintains a surprisingly bare space for a Web site designer. "I have so many diverse clients that I must get into their mindsets and their aesthetics," Rethke, 40, says. "Having my own decorations and memorabilia around clutters my creative process." JENNA CHO (HARTFORD COURANT)

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.et's Not Talk

I'VE BEEN TAKING a low dose of an SSRI and trying therapy (individual, group, various counselors) for almost a year for mild depression. The therapy hasn't helped but the medication is fine. I joined a church. which has helped somewhat; I'm also doing self-help work. But my doctor insists I stay in therapy as a condition of getting medication. I gave it a fair shake and I don't think it's for me. Do I have to get a new doctor? - over it in washington

To play devil's advocate, how are you sure therapy didn't help? Did you run your own control group?

But your dissatisfaction is clear. You gave some different modes of counseling a shot, and you lasted a year. Before you go footloose and fancy-free, consider this: One important reason to stick with therapy while on meds is to have a professional on the lookout for troublesome side effects. With recent studies associating certain SSRIs with increased suicidal behavior, that's not to be taken lightly. Good therapy can also help you prevent your depression's return by exposing its roots and giving you the psychological tools to fight it.

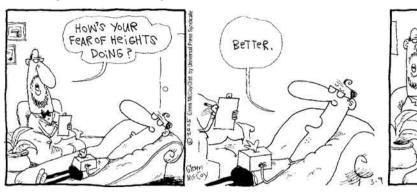
Talk with your doctor about alternative arrangements: Going to sessions less often, seeking faithbased counseling or incorporating self-help work into your treatment. You've come so far, I'd hate to see vou rock the boat.

When should I tell a new boyfriend I suffer from bipolar disorder? I've been in treatment, successfully, for vears, so it doesn't affect my daily life all that much. But I always have trouble figuring out when this needs to come out. - waiting in arlington

It only "needs" to be revealed when you feel the need, and when you're comfortable enough in your relationship to express it. Chances are your partner has some similar quandary, perhaps about an aspect of his family history, a medical issue, or a complicated life event that shaped who he is. When you've heard what seems to be an equivalent revelation from him, or vou've grown close enough that it feels like not revealing something equals hiding it, that might be a fitting time to open up. Don't feel the need to make it a "deep dark secret" moment: It's a revelation that says more about your strength than your weakness.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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Letters

Metro, Don't Remove Seats

METRO DOESN'T need cameras to figure out how to get people on and off the trains faster — all it needs to do is talk to people. The problem with getting on and off the trains isn't the seats, it's the lack of seats. All of those people standing in the aisles — and particularly the stubborn people who stand near the doorways and refuse to move to the center of the car — impede the flow of people getting on and off the train. Removing seats might add more people to each train, but it won't decrease stop time.

Metro officials should ride their own trains for a few days, and the problems will be easy to see.

-BARBARA MUSSER Woodbridge, Va.

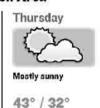
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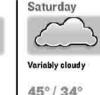










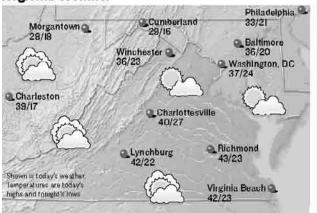




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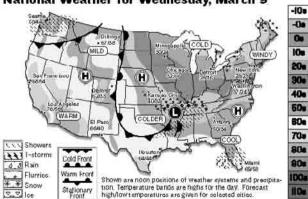
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AUTEURS

After the 'Alias' Appearance. We Knew He'd Do Anything

QUENTIN TARANTINO is reportedly meeting with New Line Cinema executives to discuss a new installment of Friday the 13th, according to E! Online. The project would unite Tarantino and Jason Vorhees, the beloved hockey-masked serial killer of the film series. The director is said to have told Cabin Fever director Eli Roth that he'd always dreamed of doing a Jason movie, and had both a story and opening sequence in mind. "It's premature at this point," a studio spokeswoman told E! "It's just a meeting." (EXPRESS)



Quentin feels best when he's ironically degrading himself on film or television.

She Was So, So Good In That Movie From 1999

SHANNON ELIZABETH and husband Joseph Reitman have decided to split, People magazine reported Monday. "The couple will remain



friends," spokeswoman Nicole King told the magazine. The two continue to share a Los Angeles home, she

said. Elizabeth, 31, and Reitman, 36, also an actor, married in June 2002 in a ceremony on a beach in Mexico, People said. They have no children. (AP)

STEPDADS

Or, as We Say in Hollywood, 'He Pulled a Daddy Lohan'

The stepfather of model MAGGIE RIZER has been sentenced to up to four years in jail for allegedly stealing millions from her and other fam-

ily members. John Breen Jr. pleaded guilty last October to charges of grand larceny and scheming to defraud. He was



sentenced Monday in Watertown, N.Y., to between 16 months to four years in jail and was ordered to pay restitution. Rizer did not attend the sentencing. (AP)

JOSTLING

Jolie Elbows Out Bono For Top World Bank Position

ANGELINA JOLIE gave a speech at D.C.'s National Press Club Tuesday in which she outlined plans for the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children. It will recruit and train lawyers to work pro bono for young arrivals who must navigate the U.S. court system without a parent or guardian. Asked if she would ever seek public office, Jolie said, "I think I've got too many skeletons in my closet for politics." (AP)



Angelina wore little jewelry in D.C., where residents become skittish and frightened around shiny objects.

BENEFACTORS

Royal Kitsch

It's billed as "a celebration in dance,"

but 'DIANA THE PRINCESS' is unlikely to

have Prince Charles cheering. A ballet

tracing the twists, turns and pirouettes

of Charles' tragic first marriage made

choreographer Peter Schaufuss, who

knew Diana and taught her dance in the

1980s, said he'd be honored if the royal

family would attend, and he insists the

don't think there are any villains - just

ballet is not an attack on Charles. "I

circumstances," he said. (AP)

its British debut Tuesday. Danish

She Does Kind of Owe Them

"Sex and the City" is over but SARAH JESSICA PARKER and HBO are still a hot little item. Parker has signed

a two-year deal to develop and produce series and other programming for the premium cable channel



through her production company. "I'm overjoyed to be able to officially call HBO my creative home," Parker said in a statement. (AP)

FVII

Durst Launches War on Poor, Penniless Bloggers

Limp Bizkit singer FRED DURST is suing 10 Web site operators who he claims profited from posting an explicit video stolen from his home computer showing him having sex with a former girlfriend. The lawsuit, filed last week in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, seeks more than \$70 million in damages and any profits reaped by the Web site operators in recent weeks, when the 3-minute clip began appearing on



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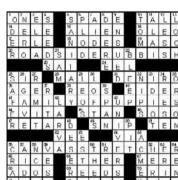
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

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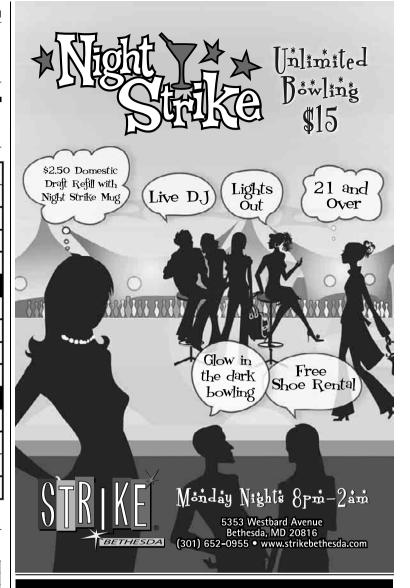
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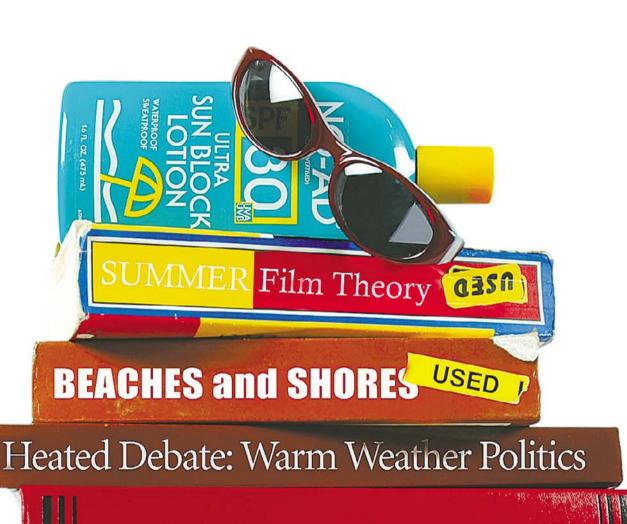
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Summer coursework keeps students out of the hot summer sun

Ahh, summer. The sky is blue, the weather is warm and every day is casual Friday. It's the time to hit the beach, take a long lunch, grill dinner outside and head back to school. Huh?

It used to be that summer school was for delinquents who didn't get the job done during the year, but times have changed. These days the hottest months offer some of the coolest classes in the area, in subjects ranging from forensic psychology to information security to wildflower identification. Summer classes are often shorter, sometimes smaller and nearly always easier to get into than similar classes during the regular school year, and some schools even offer programs exclusively during this season.

For Julie Guyot, a social worker now getting her master's degree at Howard University, a couple summer classes at John Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies gave her the perfect opportunity to add an international focus to her traditional social work curriculum. For one class, Humanitarianism, Aid and Politics, she wrote a paper on child soldiers, which turned into a project she'll be presenting at an international conference of lawmakers in South Africa later this month.

One of the benefits of her pro-



GROUP THINK: Matthew Zender, right, put summer courses toward a Marymount master's degree. Here, he studies with Johnny Amilear and Marsha Sanders.

gram, Guyot said, was the mix of students in the classes. "I'm the social worker, there's a law student. here's the guy with a military history. You get people from all levels of the issue." Those perspectives led to some lively debates in class, she said, and opened her eyes to the varying approaches each professional brought to the table.

At Marymount University, professionals from all different fields make up the majority of students in the summer, as opposed to the more traditional college population that attends during the rest of the year, said Chris Domes, vice president for enrollment and student services. As at most area schools, enrollment is lower in the summer than during the rest of the year — a big advantage for students. Classes are usually smaller, professors more accessible and even parking is less of a pain, said Domes.

Lower enrollment often makes it easier for non-degree students to get into courses they might be shut out of during the academic year. Most schools give priority to degree students, so adults who want to drop in for a course or two don't get spots unless there's room after regular enrollment. At the University of Maryland, only about a third of the school's 30,000 students stick around for the summer. Though there are fewer courses offered, that still leaves room for visitors to enroll, said Chuck Wilson, who directs the school's summer term.

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in 2002 with an Arabic class and now offers Spanish and Italian as well. Students meet in a classroom from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, four days a week, with Wednesday reserved for a cultural experience — trips to restaurants, films or museums, for example. Wilson said the Institute started because of "a real need for the understanding of the culture and the language" among professionals in the area, particularly in Arabic, though undergrads sometimes also take the classes to fulfill their language requirement.

Summer classes, even those also offered during the year, often operate on a shorter, more condensed schedule during the summer. At George Washington University, the school's typically 14-week semesters are shortened to six weeks. It's the same at Trinity University, where the regularly 16-week classes are just six weeks during the summer. While that leaves time for people to take a class and squeeze in a few days at the beach, it also can create more pressure and work during the class.

"It's really intense," said Kathleen Dunn, who's working toward her MBA at Trinity and has attended summer sessions there for three years. Because she works full-time in addition to going to school, she takes classes in the summer so she can earn her degree in less time. "When you're trying to get it done and you can do it without interruption in your schedule, you go," she said.

Matthew Zender, a recruiting specialist who will get his master's in human resource manage-



DOUBLE LIFE: Kathleen Dunn has attended summer sessions at Trinity for three years. The courses are helping her earn an MBA while holding down a full-time job.

ment from Marymount this August, said the main reason he took classes during the summer was because it allowed him to graduate a semester early. He took courses during the year as well, and used vacation time from his job to take week-long intensive courses in personal law and employee compensation during the summer.

Georgetown University recently integrated its summer school programs into its year-round professional development curriculum because, as interim dean of the School for Summer and Continuing Education Bob Thomas explained, "the working adult works on a whole different time clock than the semester." They don't want to stop just because the weather's nice, he said, and usually want to stay committed to getting their degree or certificate. "You know it's 'This year we're not going to the shore because Daddy's gotta get his certificate in financial planning."

For those who don't want to get a degree or certificate, or aren't vet sure, summer can be a great way to test the waters or just dabble in a subject that seems interesting. Court TV aficionados might consider professor Mary Lindahl's Field Experience in Criminal Court course, in which students sit in on trials and talk to prosecutors and judges about the cases. Her department, forensic psychology, also holds one-week classes during the summer; this year detectives will teach a course in criminal investigation and assessment complete with polygraph machines and techniques for getting confes-

Non-degree applicants at Marymount, as at many of the area's institutions, don't need to go through as rigorous an application process as those who want a degree. Partially as a way to boost enrollment during the lagging summer months, many schools make it easier to apply, especially if someone wants to take only a course or two. Typically, enrollment involves filling out a one-page application form and providing basic academic information, such as a college transcript. At George Washington, nondegree applicants don't pay a fee to apply, as other students must do. "We've had people just walk in off the street and sign up for courses," said Tim Terpstra, the summer session director.

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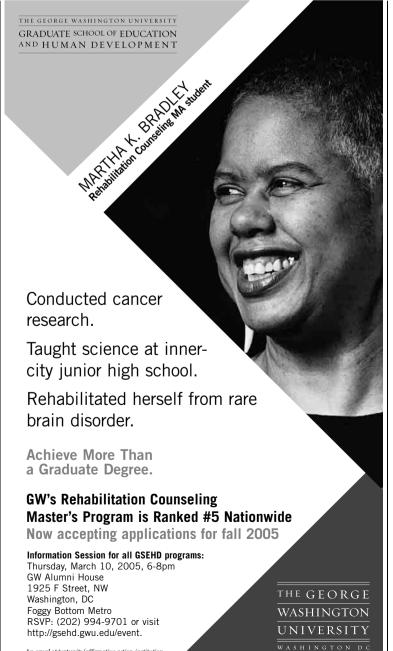
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Cris Fleming, a botanist who teaches the wildflower course, first became interested in the subject through the Graduate School's summer classes. "I had a friend who could identify a weed in my backyard and I just thought it was like magic," she said. In her course, students take field trips to Great Falls, Va., and Hughes Hollow (a park north of Potomac, Md.) and learn how to recognize what they see. Though she does give a test, she emphasizes that the course is primarily for people with a personal interest. "You don't really need anything but interest, enthusiasm and a little effort," she said. Sounds like a trip to the beach. ELIZABETH QUERNA



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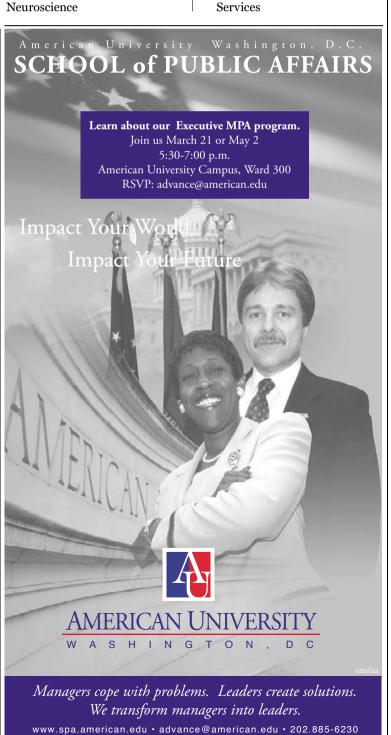
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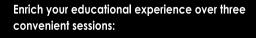
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